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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director Central Intelligence  
THROUGH: Deputy Director (Intelligence)  
SUBJECT: Future Reporting on Soviet Maritime  
Traffic in Arms

1. This memorandum is in answer to your request that we outline how we propose to report on a continuing basis the movement of those Soviet merchant ships capable of carrying, below decks, missiles and related equipment.

2. We propose initially to continue the procedure in existence for some years; that is, weekly we will forward to the GCI Indications Liaison Officer a statement summarizing Soviet Bloc activities related to the delivery of arms to non-Bloc countries. Specific statements on the S/10 suspect missile carriers (and others of similar classes now being built) will be included when relevant. Additional distribution of this report can be made as is desired. We also can turn out more frequent periodic listings but experience in following suspect Soviet arms carriers suggests that weekly reports are adequate.

3. Also, we will continue to report in the Central Intelligence Bulletin on suspicious activity by these or any other bloc vessels when more than the weekly routine treatment appears desirable.

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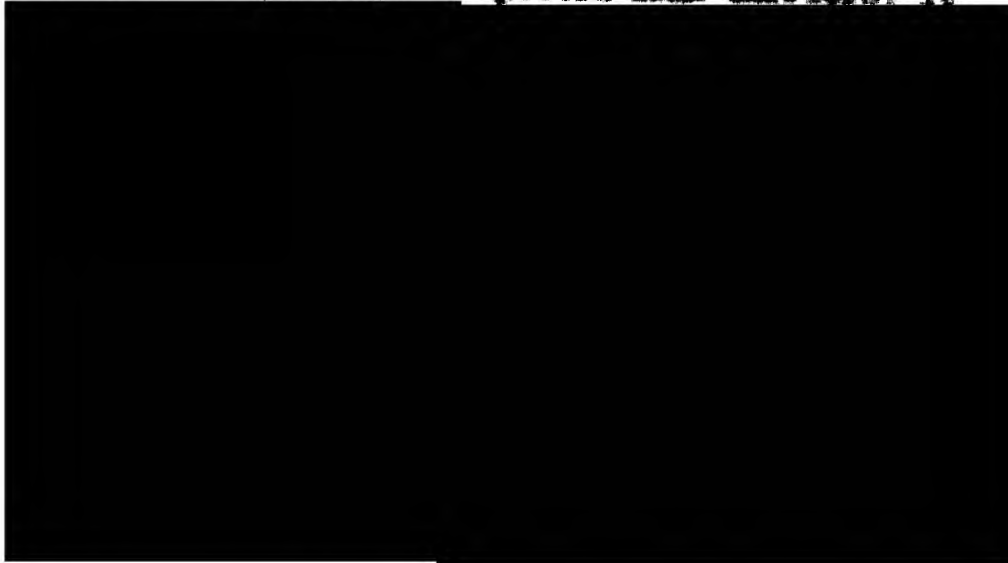
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4. In order to maintain a close watch on these ships capable of carrying ballistic missiles, as well as all other suspected arms carriers, it

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5. Attached is a current listing of the status of the potential Soviet missile carriers by name and last known position with pertinent comments concerning cargo and destination. It is believed that this is the briefest and most usable format for regular reporting on the activities of these ships.

ANNEX: Status of Potential Soviet Missile Carriers

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**ANNEX TO: Future Reporting on Soviet Maritime  
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**STATUS OF POTENTIAL SOVIET MISSILE CARRIERS**

**5 November 1962**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Last Known Position</b>	<b>Comments</b>
<b>Beloretsk</b>	<b>3 Nov 1000EST 37:40N, 00:55E</b>	<b>Returning to Black Sea from Havana; suspected of carrying arms on its voyage to Cuba.</b>
<b>Belovedsk</b>	<b>4 Nov 1000EST</b>	<b>Arrived Havana. Commercial cargo included 12 Mi-4 helicopters. First Soviet dry cargo ship to pass quarantine line.</b>
<b>Kasimov</b>	<b>ETA Leningrad 30 Oct</b>	<b>One of 16 ships to have turned back after imposition of quarantine. Cargo included crates, cranes and trucks. The Kasimov delivered 10 IL-28's to Cuba in early October.</b>
<b>Kizovyak</b>	<b>3 Nov 1844Z Entering Kaliningrad</b>	<b>One of the 16 ships that turned back. Cargo included 21 large cylindrical containers, trucks and extra large crates.</b>

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Krasnograd

29 Oct - in Leningrad

One of the 16 ships  
that turned back.  
Cargo of at least  
5 trucks, 2 large  
crates. 25X1D1a

Gskhotak

4 Nov 2055EST  
Passed Bosphorus  
Southbound, declared  
Havana

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Cargo of [REDACTED] 25X1D1a  
[REDACTED] metal.  
Previous trip made  
with light cargo,

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[REDACTED] One  
of the 16 ships  
which turned back.

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4 Nov in Novoressiyak

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[REDACTED]  
Made previous trip  
to Cuba in mid-  
October [REDACTED]

Orenburg

5 Nov 0610EST  
in Baltic Sea

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[REDACTED]  
Previous sailed  
to Cuba from Black  
Sea in early October

Poltava

3 Nov 1232EST  
in unidentified Baltic  
port.

One of the 16 ships  
that turned back.  
Came out of Black  
Sea but returned to  
Baltic where it  
has unloaded cargo  
of very large crates.  
Now proceeding in  
ballast to Black  
Sea.

NSA concurs in all redactions on this  
page

Simferopol

ETA Odessa, 3 Nov

Delivered cargo  
of trucks and  
electronic vans to  
Cuba about 18  
October.

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NOTE:

In addition to the ships listed above there are two other ships that will be included in future reporting. The Karachaevsk, of the Krasnograd class, which arrived in Leningrad on 28 October presumably to load for her maiden voyage. The Polotsk, a sister ship of the Poltava, now undergoing trials in the Black Sea and soon to be in operation.